

RESTITUTION

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AGENDA

- General overview of “differences” in DOC offenders – Lydia Newlin
- Overview of process for receiving and tracking orders – Kristi Cisar
- “New” collection process for incarcerated offenders – Tracy Hosking
- Challenges for victims/payees – Lori Sowada
- NEW Minnesota CHOICE Restitution Module – Lydia Newlin

“Differences/Challenges” DOC Offenders

- “We don’t know what we don’t know.”
- Payments are forwarded to the county of commit
- “Collections” differences between probation and DOC

“The Process” (Kristi Cisar)

- “Receiving the orders”
- “Our process” once the order is received
- “Our process” for prioritizing payments and making those payments.

Restitution Overview – (Tracy Hosking)

- Over 60% of offenders owe restitution or fines.
- Average length of stay for offenders is 27.5 months.
- Average restitution amount owed is \$800.

Collecting Restitution

- Currently, incarcerated offender owe over \$25 million in restitution.
- Historically, the Minnesota Department of Corrections collected approximately \$560,000 annually from offender wages towards restitution orders.

New Restitution Collection Process

ALDP Team projected that payments would increase significantly by implementing three changes:

1. a 10% assessment on money coming in and out of offender's accounts,
2. a 5% surcharge on non-health and hygiene canteen items, and
3. a decrease in the amount allowed to be directed towards "gate money"

Implementation & Results

- Changes were implemented in the restitution collection process and were effective April 2013
- The results have exceeded expectations by increasing victim restitution payments by over 130%

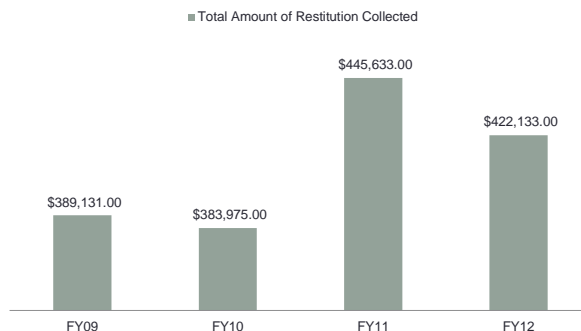
Sustainability

- Improvements of amount of restitution collected are being sustained through policy changes as well as computer system programming changes.
- Minnesota Department of Corrections were able to implement associated programming changes at a low cost.
- These programming improvements also allowed for expedited processing of collections.

Restitution Collection Prior to New Process

- Total amount collected during FY09-FY12 was \$1,640,872
- Average amount collected per fiscal year was \$410,218
- On average 1,396 offenders make restitution payments per fiscal year
- Total offenders that made restitution payments per fiscal year:
 - FY09: 1,388
 - FY10: 1,418
 - FY11: 1,405
 - FY12: 1,375

Restitution Payments FY09-FY12

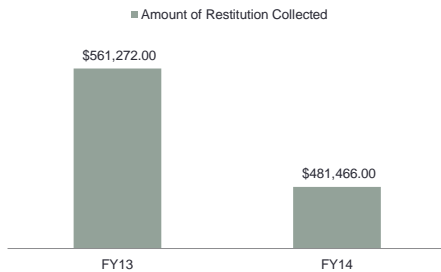


Restitution Payments after Implementation of New Process

As of July 3, 2013, incarcerated offenders owed \$29,161,876 in restitution.

As of January 1, 2014, incarcerated offenders owed \$27,538,250 in restitution.

Restitution Payments FY13- FY14

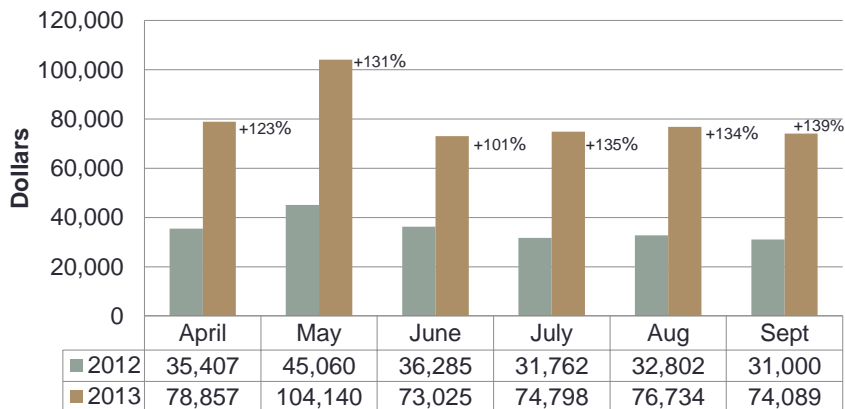


- On average 3,021 offenders made restitution payments in FY13 and FY14 (to date).
- Total offenders that made restitution payments per fiscal year:
 - FY13: 3,248
 - FY14: 2,795

Fiscal year 2014 total is comprised of the total amount of restitution collected and number of offender that made payments in the first and second quarter.

2013 Restitution Payments to Victims

Percentage increase from 2012



Benefits

- More offenders are making payments towards restitution
- Offenders are paying more money toward their restitution orders and this money is reaching the proper recipients more quickly
- Recipients and offenders both benefit from the new collection process
- The more orders offenders pay prior to their release from prison, the less they need to pay while they are on supervised release
- Having restitution responsibility reduced or completely paid off aids the offenders in their community reintegration efforts

Challenges for Victims/Payees

- “Assume” we have the order
- “Assume” we have money to collect
- Payments to counties are made quarterly
- Currently no central place to “see” payments
- Believe that “conditions of release” that include restitution repayment “have teeth.”

Changes coming to Minnesota CHOICE

- Registered Users (victims and payees) will be able to request to “view” and track offender payments.
- DOC will “link” registered users to specific orders as “payees.”
- Registered Users will then be able to track the payments made to counties.
- Agents will be able to provide repayment plans in CHOICE for registered users to view. (No tracking once the offender is released.)

QUESTIONS?